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VITROLIC COMPLIMENTS ENLIVEN MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL.

Councilmen Brennan and Stillwagon Lock Horns Over Paying Fire Chief King His Salary.

THE CLASH WAS ONLY BRIEF.

President Friel Rapped Down on the Wordy War and Called for the Transaction of Business—Fifteen Minute Session and All Bills Paid.

A lively little session of the Town Council was held last night, and all of it was occasioned over the paying of the employees in order that they might have the money to buy a little Christmas cheer. It was a fifteen-minute meeting of the council, and was called for the expressed purpose of paying off the men employed by the borough, but sparks of vitrolic were injected into it for a few minutes, and a lively and personal exchange of words in which Councilmen Brennan and Stillwagon drew the vitrolic cards as pulled off much of the entertainment of all present.

The reading of the bills that were to be paid was gone through in regular order when Councilman Stillwagon objected to the bill of M. J. King, as chief of the fire department.

This precipitated the tilt and some personal exchanges of administration passed between the two members. Stillwagon extended that King was not entitled to the salary of \$50 per month, while the other said that he had been clear to all the positions of J. W. Mitchell, former fire chief. The minutes didn't show that he was, declared Stillwagon. There was much argument leading up to the personal decision, and President Friel, several times declared that the members were out of order and that the Council had met to transact the business before it, that of paying bills.

Although the session only lasted 15 minutes there was time enough for Councilman Stillwagon to declare that:

"You fellows would pay a yellow dog."

Councilman Brennan quick and ready to defend his position replied:

"And you would be the first one to be paid."

"Oh, you're from the Second Ward," replied Stillwagon sarcastically.

"That's more than you represent," hotly replied Brennan.

President Friel stopped the argument here and told the Councilmen to "cut that sort of stuff out," and proceed with business.

Business then proceeded all right. Messrs. Glard, Kooner, Millard, Brennan and Friel voting for the passage of the following list of bills and Councilman Stillwagon voting positively and loudly against them. Messrs. McCormick and Wallace were absent.

The following bills were directed to be paid:

A. D. Solomon, Burgess	\$20.00
W. J. DeWitt, clerk	21.00
J. W. Hutton, Treasurer	18.00
Edith Parker, police	15.00
R. Hutton, Chief Police	20.00
John A. Lowe, police	15.00
John A. Lowe, police	15.00
James Francis, police	15.00
Thomas McDonald, police	15.00
Howard Anderson, police	15.00
M. J. King, Fire Chief	40.00
A. C. Hollins, street work	50.00
J. Hutchcraft, fireman	60.00
William Rogers, man	50.00
Michael Shannon, fireman	20.00
Geo. W. Stouffer, street work	17.50
Mrs. R. C. Stouffer, team	22.50
John Shaw, street work	17.50
Alfred Quinn, street work	10.00
James Hamilton, street work	10.00
John Condon, street work	12.50
Hul Rogers, fireman's relief	8.00
Total	\$518.25

GOMPERS PROCLAIMED A HERO BY LABOR.

Some Say a Term in Jail Might Help Organized Labor More Than Anything Else.

Cited Press Telegram.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—When Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, reached his office this morning he found his desk heaped high with messages from labor leaders denouncing the decision of Justice Wright in sentencing Gompers to jail and Morrison to jail. At once he offered their support and some even congratulatory in character, expressing the belief that if these leaders should spend a term in jail, that fact alone would serve to advance the cause of organized labor as nothing else would do.

Contagion in Johnstown.

The return of the Johnstown Board of Health office on Monday of contagious and infectious diseases existing in the city are the heaviest that have been sent in to a single day for some years. The report showed a total of 15 cases.

MORE NEW STATE ROAD.

Department Advertising for Bonds for Strip Near Fayette City.

The State Highway Department is advertising for bids for 1,035 feet of macadamized roadway to be built in the borough of Fayette City to connect with the State road at the north end of the town. The contract is to be let December 31.

S. B. DECKER GOES ON POLICE FORCE.

Returns to the Service on Department of Which He Was Chief Several Years Ago.

S. B. Decker was this morning sworn in as a member of the Connellsville police force, thereby returning to the service with which he was connected several years ago. Decker was formerly Chief of Police of the Connellsville force, having been succeeded by Barthold Rottler, the present Chief.

Decker has seen considerable service in this line of work and was a Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff M. A. Kiefer.

Officer Anderson this afternoon handed in his resignation which will be submitted at the next meeting of Town Council. Anderson was suspended yesterday morning by Burgess A. D. Solomon for a breach of the police regulations and this suspension was approved by the Police Committee. To avoid further friction with Councilman Anderson decided to resign.

DECIDE TO MARRY THIS CHRISTMAS.

Twenty-Three Marriage Licenses Have Been Issued During the Past Three Days.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 24.—The holiday season has caused a boom in the demand for marriage licenses and during the past three days 23 couples have decided to live as one in the future. This morning Charles H. Black, a Scottsdale letter carrier and son of Mrs. Hannah F. Black, was married by Rev. J. S. Bromley to Miss Ella Riddle of McClellandtown, daughter of Mrs. Mary Riddle and of the late W. H. Riddle. The couple left for Washington, D. C., and after a lengthy honeymoon will settle in Scottsdale.

A license was also issued for the marriage of Harry Heyman of Donnell to Mrs. Rebecca Cavanaugh of Republic. This couple will be married at Mt. Pleasant today.

Richard Paine in Sunny South Remembers Friends at Home.

The employees of the Second National Bank are in receipt of a large box of the most choice oranges sent by R. S. Paine from Nashville, Florida. The box contained several different kinds of oranges among which was a large stalk weighing 15 pounds. The fruit was grown on Mr. Paine's orange grove in Florida and is very luscious and delightful to the taste. There were also a number of small oranges comparing in size with a hickory nut.

TRAVEL IS HEAVY.

Extra Coaches Being Handled Upon Nearly All Trains.

Railroad travel is especially heavy today. Extra coaches have been attached to many of the trains to accommodate the large number of persons who are going to their homes or the homes of relatives to spend Christmas. The late trains this afternoon will likely carry large crowds as many persons are unable to get away from town during the morning.

New Trolley Line Opened.

The Pittsburgh & Westmoreland Street Railway Company opened its new line between McKeesport and Irwin yesterday morning. The electric line opens up a new territory and the cars enter McKeesport over the lines of the West Penn Railways Company.

RIVER CONTINUES TO FALL.

Getting Back to Its Low Water Record of Ten Weeks Ago.

The Youghiogheny river continues to fall and unless there is rain or snow in the near future indications are that an exceptionally low stage will again be reached. The fall over night was less than usual, however, the stream dropping from 13 feet to an even foot. The lowest mark recorded in the river since the gauge was established was two-tenths of a foot, the river now being just eight-tenths higher than that.

LOVERS DELIBERATED OVER THEIR SUICIDE.

Bellevernon Love Tragedy Disclosed By Letters Found Upon Bodies of Boy and Girl.

BELLEVERNON, Dec. 24.—From letters found on the bodies of William Taggart and Sarah Phares, the two had entered into a suicide pact. The following is Taggart's last message to his dear parents:

"I have tried in every way to keep from bringing sorrow to your heart, but I cannot stand what I have endured any longer. I am a tired man and I want to go to sleep. I have a broken heart. Everyone of you could have treated me better than you did. You needed me at times when I did not need it. You kept after me, telling me it was time I was thinking about what I was going to do in this life. I never thought of anything, for I had this in mind ever since I made up my mind to go to the conference this morning. I have been done then. You say and others say that I did not know what love is, but I know and God knows that I love Sarah. We made up our minds that we would never part as long as we live. She did not know what love is, but I know and God knows that I love Sarah. I loved her and did not want to part with her, and that is why we did it. Do not grieve or worry ever us, for we are at rest. If we did not care, you need not care. You will have to answer for what you do on the Judgment Day and so will I. Please bury me beside Sarah. Have the funeral services at the same time."

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HARRY. The aged letter to Mrs. Phares, mother of Sarah, written in pen and ink is similar to that written by Harry, reads as follows:

Dear Mother

"We have tried to part as we have decided to die. I am to shoot myself and then give the gun to Harry and he is to shoot himself."

FOR A NEW TRIAL.

Arguments Made Yesterday in the Case of Mt. Pleasant Bankers.

Paul H. Galtier, James S. Moorehead and Edward E. Robbins of Greensburg, counsel for C. E. Mullon, former cashier of the Mt. Pleasant National bank; R. K. Hissom, former president, and E. H. Steiman of the same bank, and other Mt. Pleasant enterprises, presented arguments for a new trial in the United States District Court yesterday. Each of the defendants had been convicted of violating the banking laws. Counsel contends that the court erred in not allowing the defense to show the value of the plants owned and operated by the defendants, holding that the value of these properties is more than sufficient to protect the bank and that, in fact, what the government termed "dummy" notes are in reality valuable paper.

SPECIAL CARS

Will Be Run By The West Penn Railways Tomorrow.

It was announced this morning that special cars for the benefit of church goers will be run on the West Penn tomorrow morning. Those who expect to attend 6 o'clock Mass in the Catholic churches of Connellsville, New Haven and Mt. Pleasant will be accommodated.

A car will leave Leipswingen No. 2 at 5:30 o'clock tomorrow morning, arriving in Connellsville and New Haven at 6 o'clock. On the Mt. Pleasant division one car will leave Hecla at 5 o'clock and the other at 5:10, arriving in Mt. Pleasant at 6 o'clock.

WILD DEMONSTRATION.

Supporters of Castro and Opponents in Bitter Clash.

CARACAS, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—In a clash this afternoon between thousands of people who gathered for demonstration in support of President Gomez, and the remnants of Castro's party, two anti-Castroists were killed, and hundreds of persons were injured on both sides.

A \$50,000 BLAZE.

Destruction of Lima, O., Business District Is Averted.

LIMA, O., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Fire which started in a livery stable this morning for a time threatened the destruction of the business district. It was extinguished with a loss of \$50,000. Fifteen houses were burned and 25 horses cremated.

Uncle Sam There.

WILMESTAD, Caracas, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The United States gunboat Dolphin is now in the harbor here. The residents gave the vessel a noisy welcome on its arrival here at 8 A. M. today.

BLOODHOUNDS TO TRAIL MEN WHO SET BARN ON FIRE.

Perry Tobin of Outcrop Says He Will Not Rest Until They Are Caught.

STOCK PERISHED IN FLAMES.

Roof of Barn Was Falling in When Mrs. Tobin Awoke and Discovered the Fire—County Officers Assisting in Investigation.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 24.—With bloodhounds on the trail, Perry Tobin, a farmer of near Outcrop, says he will not rest until he finds the two men suspected of bringing his barn early yesterday morning. The dogs were brought from Morgantown but their search went for naught. The trail from the barn led to the Outcrop station and a second trail went over the hill a short distance and was lost. The prevailing opinion is that one of the men took a train and the other escaped over the country.

When Mrs. Tobin awoke early yesterday morning she found the barn in flames. The roof was just falling in and there was no chance to save the two horses, cow and calf, and a large quantity of feed that was in the place. An immense haystack beside the barn was also destroyed. Tobin's loss was severe as besides the stock he had 50 barrels of corn and considerable hay, grain and fodder in the barn. County Detective Alex McBeth will investigate the case and aid the officers in the neighborhood of Outcrop to run down the offenders.

MORE ARRESTS IN GRAFT CASES DUE.

Expected That Many More Councilmen Will Land in Tolls Today.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—Additional arrests in the graft cases are expected today. It is no secret that Magistrate Brady has signed a big bundle of blank warrants and subpoenas. Who is in possession of these warrants is a mystery. Director Edward G. Lang and Superintendent Thomas McQuade deny any knowledge of the warrants but they were signed by Brady.

Mayor Guthrie is believed to have them and will hold them until detectives are ordered to serve them. There is a noticeable absence of Councilmen about the place.

"I have nothing to say regarding the arrests that have been made or those to come. Indications are that bribe-givers as well as bribe-takers will figure in the arrests which are to be made," said Attorney M. Leo Welch, President of the Voters' Civic League. He would not say what action would be taken.

WOMAN'S HEAD SEVERED BY WIRE.

Struck By Train and Hurlled Over Telegraph Wire Near New Florence.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—While Miss Pearl Boring, aged 29, was walking along the railroad track at New Florence near here, in company with her sweetheart Charles Cline, a telegrapher, a fast passenger train struck her and hurled her body 100 feet in the air.

In falling across a telegraph wire her head was severed. Cline had been on the opposite side of the rails and escaped injury.

REMEMBER THE INJURED.

Generous Donations Received at the Hospital For Christmas Day.

During the Christmas rush the Cottage State Hospital has not been forgotten. Since yesterday a number of donations have been made. Through the efforts of Dr. C. W. Gallagher of New Haven a large quantity of fruit, nuts, cake and candy was donated by the New Haven merchants, while two hush of rosy apples were donated by Edward Marsh of Connellsville. Three turkeys were donated by a local grocer.

NO PAPER TOMORROW.

Following our custom there will be no issue of the Courier on Christmas Day.

SLIGHT TROLLEY WRECK.

Large New Coach Collided With Smaller Car.

There was a slight wreck on the Brownsville division of the West Penn yesterday morning but no one was injured. One of the large new passenger coaches collided with a smaller car. The larger car was not damaged in the least, but the vestibule of the smaller one was crushed in.

Aside from this slight damage the accident was trivial. Only a brief delay resulted. Temporary failure of signals is assigned as the cause.

TO CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING.

Aged Somerset Couple Will Have a Family Gathering Tomorrow.

SOMERSET, Pa., Dec. 24.—On Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. Daniel S. Miller of the North Side will celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage, their golden wedding. Mr. Miller is nearly 73 years old, having been born on January 23, 1836, and his wife is six years younger. They were married on Christmas Day, 1858, at the home of Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Lichty of Millford township, by Elder Jacob Hauger of the German Baptist Church. After living on a farm two miles north of Somerset for several years they removed to Franklin, Ill., where they spent three years, returning to again engage in farming near Somerset.

After about a year Mr. Miller gave up farming and took up the occupation of a stone mason, which he followed for 25 years. Fourteen of the 16 children born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller survive. They are as follows: Horace G. grain broker, Kansas City, Mo.; Bertha, wife of David Kelson, cashier of the Farmers' Bank, Carleton, Neb.; Joseph, fruit grower, Temple, Arizona; Grant, farmer, Waterloo, Pa.; Wallace, jeweler, Uniontown, Pa.; Harry, maple sugar dealer, Franklin, Pa.; Martin, jeweler, Uniontown, Pa.; Jacob D., cashier of City Deposit Bank, Pittsburg; John O., cashier of Citizens' Savings Bank, Pittsburg; Miss Emily and Mary, young society ladies of Somerset. The following brothers and sisters of Mr. Miller are still living: Hon. Jacob J. Miller, Judge of the Orphans' Court of Allegheny county; Eli Miller, a retired farmer of Carleton, Neb.; Mary, widow of John Johnston of Huntington, Pa.; Lydia, widow of Ezra Bureley of Waterloo, Pa.; Eliza, widow of Joseph J. Cover, California; Phoebe, wife of Jacob Miller, Carleton, Neb.

TO BREWERY'S RELIEF.

Officers Came Up With the Money and Sale is Postponed.

The stockholders in the Ligonier Brewing Company came to the company's relief, yesterday afternoon, and the sheriff's sale of the personal effects at the brewery, advertised for today, upon an execution for the sum of \$6,000, issued last week, will not take place. L. H. Cort, the President of the company, and Charles D. Cope land, the Secretary-treasurer, having called at the office of Sheriff Shields and having paid off the \$5,000 and the costs in the case. From this action upon the part of the two leading officers it is supposed that the company intends getting its financial matters into shape and intends keeping the brewery going.

CAULLEY RECEIVER.

Creditors of James McGloin Hold Meeting Today.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 24.—A meeting of the creditors of James McGloin, who has gone into bankruptcy, was held in the office of J. G. Carroll here this morning when a receiver was elected. James J. Caulley of Scottsdale was elected receiver. He was represented at the hearing by Attorney E. C. Hildegar of Connellsville.

GOING TO THE HAGUE.

In An Effort to Settle Venezuela's Difficulties With Other Countries.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 24.—(Special.) The Foreign office today received an official communication from Willemstad, Curacao, today that former Foreign Minister Jose Jesus de Paul has left Caracas for Paris, and the Hague to open negotiations for the settlement of Venezuela's differences with these three countries.

EMPLOYEE ELECTROCUTED.

Lying face downward in the transformer room of the sub-station of the West Penn Lighting Company at Greensburg, John D. Miller, who had charge of the place, was found yesterday. The discovery was made through a disturbance in the electric current. He had been electrocuted.

Chimney Fire.

The fire department was called out early Tuesday evening to extinguish a chimney blaze at the home of Grant Dull, corner of Pittsburg and Eliza streets. No damage was done and the blaze was soon put out.

The Weather.

Rain and warmer tonight; Friday, rain, or snow, and much colder in the evening.

DID ADAMS DISTILL ILLICIT LOVE INSTEAD OF SPIRITS?

Gossips About Indian Head Say He Has Run Off With John Briggie's Wife For Both Are Missing.

ANOTHER COAL DEAL.

George G. Gans Purchases a Block From Jasper Augustine.

Another deal in Greene county coal has been consummated, but the price in this instance is lower than prevailed in the big transactions of two months ago. The deal includes 1,722 acres of coal in Wayne, Whitely and Gilmore townships, Greene county, from Jasper Augustine and wife to George G. Gans at \$100 per acre, or \$172,200. The coal lies along Dunkard creek.

Mr. Gans has also completed the sale of a one-half interest in the Brownsville Coke Company to George W. Wilson of Pittsburg, for \$70,000. There are 40 acres of coal and surface and 50 ovens at the Brownsville plant.

BERT J. THOMAS FILES HIS PETITION.

Aspires To Succeed Himself As a Member of the Connellsville School Board.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 24.—Another Connellsville candidate filed his nomination paper with the County Commissioners this morning. It is Bert J. Thomas, who aspires to succeed himself as a member of the School Board from the Fourth Ward and among the signers of his petition are a number of the most prominent Democrats in the Republican Fourth Ward. Thomas was elected for a single term at the last spring election and was made Secretary of the Board.

His paper bore the signatures of Attorney R. S. Matthews, J. Donald Porter, J. D. Sherrick, H. E. Brown, William Damney McGinnis, Joseph E. Donnelly, J. David Stillwagon, J. B. Sionakor, J. D. Madigan, J. A. Dewitt, B. T. Sherrick, Patrick May, James W. Buttermore and S. N. Osborn.

COMPANIES INSTALL ELECTRIC POWER.

West Penn Will Furnish Coal Company and Glass Factory From Connellsville Station.

Two large contracts for power have been secured for the West Penn by General Superintendent L. H. Conklin during the past few days. The Mount Hope Coal Company of Brownsville has contracted for power at its works and an entire outfit and plant has been installed. Electric power will be used exclusively for power and lighting.

The McBeth-Byans Glass Company of Charloter is now using electric power and may install a permanent service. A few days ago the boilers of the company broke down and the West Penn put in electric power in 12 hours. So prompt and efficient has been the service that the company will likely use electricity exclusively.

WANTS POWER PLANT.

Fayette City Is An Applicant For West Penn's New Station.

The several towns along the valley are hot-foot after the location of the West Penn power house, which is to be located in the valley. They all claim superior advantages, but none have better than Fayette City, says the Fayette City Journal. This town is nearest to the center of the belt line and affords everything that the company desires for their plant. Besides the advantages as to location it has the best ground suitable for the power house. The water works bottom would afford a most desirable location with the best of advantages as to fuel of all kinds, water, rail and other facilities and everything such as the company would need.

MINING INSTITUTE OFFICERS.

Arrangements Being Made For the January Meeting.

The Fayette City Y. M. C. A. mining institute elected the following officers for the coming year: Arthur Neale, Superintendent of the Fayette City and Apollo mines, was unanimously elected President. After some spirited balloting Mr. John Kerr was elected Vice President. The office of Secretary will be filled by John Hahnag. The duties of the Treasurer fall upon the shoulders of Michael O'Brien.

The Weather.

Rain and warmer tonight; Friday, rain, or snow, and much colder in the evening.

WOMAN LEFT ON EARLY TRAIN.

After Sending Her Two Children Off to School Last Week—"Hen" Adams, One-Time "Moonshiner," Not in His Usual Haunts.

There is a scandal in the hills of Chestnut Ridge and according to reports there is a distiller of illicit love as well as contraband whiskey. The gossips near Indian Head are regaling each other with tales of the marital troubles of John Briggie of that vicinity, whose wife is alleged to have disappeared simultaneously with "Hen" Adams, a one-time "moonshiner," according to the reports.

With the arrival of the railroad in Saitlick the neighborhood is beginning to take on metropolitan airs, and affluence are said to have sprung into existence of late. The romance of Mrs. Briggie and Adams is said to be an affinity tale.

It was last week that Mrs. Briggie packed her two children off to school and then, when her husband had gone to his work, hid herself off by way of the Indian Creek Valley railroad. Since then Briggie has heard nothing from his wayward wife. Adams is no longer seen around his familiar haunts and gossips say the former disciple of Moonshine territory has gone to "moonshining" in the garden of love instead of the Eden of Saitlick's hills and dales. It is whispered that Adams disappearance was connected, in some manner, with that of Mrs. Briggie and the enraged and injured husband, the victim of his wife's unfaithfulness, is looking for the pair which has made its getaway.

Even if Mrs. Briggie and her alleged lover do not return they will have at least served the purpose of giving the scandalous tongues of the neighborhood something with which to slack their thirst in a discussion of this choice bit of gossip. There has been a dearth of such subjects for some time past, it is said, and the advent of this opportunity was pounced upon with great glee.

Christmas Is In the Air Around the West Penn Building Today. Stenographers Get Candy.

TROLLEY MEN GET BRIGHT NEW CAPS.

Christmas Is In the Air Around the West Penn Building Today. Stenographers Get Candy.

There is an air of Christmas cheer about the West Penn offices today. Practically all of the many employees have been remembered by the management and it is the most enjoyable day of the year with them. Following the usual custom, the management has presented each of the motormen and conductors with a new cap. These are of excellent make and conform in style and quality with those supplied by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

The straps are of blue with a silver stripe around the crown. They are similar in design to those now being worn. Distribution to the Connellsville crews was made by Superintendent J. W. Brown while the Uniontown and Mt. Pleasant men got theirs from Division Superintendents C. E. Pitt and W. F. Long.

The many stenographers about the West Penn offices have received their annual five-pound box of candy from the management and those gifts were especially welcome because most of the girls possess a fondness for sweets.

SPILLED BOILING WATER ON HERSELF.

Mrs. I. S. Tinsman Meets With Painful Accident While Preparing Christmas Turkeys.

MT. PLEASANT, Dec. 24.—Mrs. I. S. Tinsman, of 18th street, met with a serious accident yesterday while preparing turkeys for the Christmas dinner. Mrs. Tinsman had prepared two kettles of boiling water to be used in removing the feathers from the fowls.

As she walked from the kitchen carrying the kettles in her hands, the porch having been recently scrubbed it was very slippery. Mrs. Tinsman slipped and the contents of the two kettles were dashed over her. One side of her body was frightfully scalded as was also one of her arms. She remained unconscious for some time after the accident, and her sufferings since have been intense.

In Social Circles.

Christmas Cantata.
A cantata entitled "Santa Claus in Shamblerland," will be given by the M. E. Sunday school on Christmas night, consisting of over 50 children. Two of these, one of boys known as the "Wide-awake," the other of girls, known as the "Sleepy-heads," are spending Christmas at the home of Aunt Dorcas. The other two, Paul and Virginia, appear and ask for shelter, having been driven from home by their uncle, Uncle Crusty. Later Uncle Crusty comes to claim them, but fails to do so. Santa appears and loses him over his new name being Uncle Doodle. The children will be accompanied by piano, violin and two voices. The cast in part follows:
Santa Claus, Philip Schwartz; Uncle Crusty, Mr. Fisher; Aunt Dorcas, Mrs. George McChay; Paul, Donald McChay; Virginia, Susan Hockett; Doodle, Josephine Zimmerman; Mabel, Ruth Galt; Santa's helper, Roy, Ruel Bynell.

The marriage of Charles H. Black, son of Mrs. Hanna Black and the late James H. Black of Scotland, and Miss Leah A. Riffe of McClellandtown, were married in Uniontown this morning at 11:30 o'clock by Rev. J. S. Bromley. The bride is very prominent socially in McClellandtown. She is the daughter of Mrs. Mary A. Riffe and of the late William H. Riffe, a well known capitalist of McClellandtown. The groom is mill carrier at Scotland and is a member of Company C, 15th Pennsylvania Volunteers, having served in the Philippines. Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Black left for Washington, D. C., and other eastern cities. They will be at home to their friends at Scotland after January 3.

Church Elects Officers.
At a meeting of the Evangelical congregation of South Connelville held last evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Superintendent, H. M. Chapman; First Assistant Superintendent, George Hartman; Second Assistant Superintendent, W. S. Kinner; Secretary, Ruth Sullivan; Treasurer, Clifford Stager; Librarian, Joseph Miller; Librarian, Edith Miller; Edith Crouse; Mabel Hietrick; Edith Helms; Assistant Librarian, Miss Sullivan and Bessie Rittick; Superintendent of Home Department, Mrs. Swartz; Temperance Superintendent, Mr. Showman; Organist, Mrs. Fleming; Assistant Organist, Mrs. Miller; Tissue-Slayer.

Yesterday at high noon the marriage of Miss Mabel Tissue of Bear Run and John G. Sleight of New Haven was solemnized at the home of the bride in the presence of about 25 guests, including friends and relatives of the young couple. The ceremony was followed by a prettily appointed wedding dinner. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tissue of Bear Run and is well known in Connelville. The groom is a well known young man of New Haven and is employed at the Connelville Iron Works. Among the out of town guests present was Mrs. W. H. Friend of Connelville.

Kock-Metz.
Miss Bella C. Kock, postmistress at Broad Ford, and George Metz of New Salem were married Tuesday afternoon at the parsonage of the First English Lutheran Church at Sharpsburg, Pa. Rev. Theodore L. Crouse officiating. Mr. Metz was formerly a resident of Ft. Loudon, Franklin township, where his father is a merchant. He has been in the employ of the H. C. Frick Coke Company at New Salem for about seven years. They will reside at New Salem.

Ritchie-Walsh.
Miss Olive Ritchie, daughter of James Ritchie of Dunbar, and Charles Walsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walsh of Connelville, were married last night at 8 o'clock at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage in Dunbar by the pastor, Rev. L. M. Humes. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Walsh left for Altoona, where they will spend their honeymoon. The bride is a very popular young lady of Dunbar.

New Year's Cantata.
The United Presbyterian Sunday School is rehearsing for a cantata to be held in the church on New Year's eve.

Prominent Man Drops Dead.
While running to make train connections at Oak Grove, near Ligonier, James McKelvey, one of Oak Grove's most prominent citizens, dropped dead beside the track near the little station at Oak Grove yesterday morning over-exertion. Mr. McKelvey is a school director in Ligonier township and was on his way to the Institute at Greensburg.

Christmas Cantata.
There will be a grand comic Christmas Cantata in Payne's A. M. E. Church, New Haven, on Christmas night, December 25. "The Teddy Bears' Christmas" will be the title. Everybody invited. H. Brown, Supt., Rev. L. V. Jones, pastor.

Insulted Girls.
UNIONTOWN, Dec. 23.—William Jones has been prosecuted by Ada Solomon and Edith Cason for assault and battery. While drunk last night he assaulted the girls on Main street and was arrested.

Christmas Cantata.
The Methodist Episcopal Sunday School will present the cantata, "Santa Claus in Shamblerland," in the church auditorium Christmas night. An admission of 10 cents will be charged.

DRAMATIC SUICIDE.

Woman Jumps From Seventh Street Bridge Into Allegheny.
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Clinging over the railing of the Seventh Street bridge and standing on the ledge for a moment with her hands clasped in an attitude of prayer, a stylishly dressed unidentified woman jumped into the Allegheny river here today. The body did not come to the surface.

SOLOIST WILL BE ABLE TO SING.

Miss Minnie B. Storey, Who Was Quarantined Here Has Been Discharged.

There was anxiety at Latrobe for four the soloist for the Latrobe band's concert on December 28 would not be able to appear because of being quarantined at Connelville; but the restrictions have now been lifted. Last Sunday Miss Minnie B. Storey of Latrobe insisted upon seeing her favorite niece, who was dying of scarlet fever. The child died Sunday morning but Miss Storey had gone into the sick room before its end.

OUR NAVY SECOND
Only Great Britain Exceeds Us in Seagoing Fighters.
Washington, Dec. 24.—Our navy stands second among those of the great world powers at the present time, according to the navy year book, prepared by Pitman Publisher, clerk to the senate navy committee, and now in the hands of the public printer. Germany follows third, while France has dropped to fourth place and Japan is fifth.

Railroad Sues Show.
CARLTON, Pa., Dec. 21.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has entered suit for \$624.09 against the John H. Sparks show for damages caused by a runaway car at Mammoth, Pa. It is alleged employees of the defendant concern released a brake on a show car. It ran off a switch and collided with a caboose on the main track, wrecking the caboose, killing the yardmaster and injuring a brakeman.

Want to Hear First From State.
WASHINGTON, Pa., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The Commissioners of Washington county have received an answer from the Commissioners of Allegheny county relative to the letting of the contract for the new river bridge at Monongahela, declining to act until the State Property Board reports on the question of State aid.

To Get Resource Data.
HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 21.—The members of the Pennsylvania delegation to the National Conservation Congress met here yesterday and made a report to Governor Shuman and arranged to obtain data on the resources of the State in timber, water, coal, iron, stone and other lines, to be supplied from State departments by direction of the Governor.

Looking for a Site.
An extensive brick manufacturer has been in Buffalo quite recently looking up the possibility of finding a sufficient deposit of fire brick clay to warrant the building of fire brick works there.

Brokerage Firm Suspended.
NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Marshall, Shadler & Company, one of the largest stock brokerage firms in New York, was suspended for three years, today, by the Governors of the New York Stock Exchange.

Ran Over His Neck.
ALVIN ROSS, of Washington, Pa., aged 15 years, while hauling a load of oil well tools fell from his wagon and was instantly killed, a wheel passing over his neck.

Local and Personal Mention.

Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Hoffman and baby went to Bradford this morning to spend Christmas with Mrs. Hoffman's parents.

Miss Eva North arrived home last evening from Winchester, Va., to spend Christmas at her home. Miss North is teacher in the Port London Seminary at Winchester.

Druggist and Mrs. F. H. Graham and family went to West Newton this morning to spend Christmas with relatives. Miss Agnes Carson of Layton, was in town yesterday on her return home from school at Philadelphia.

Mrs. George Conn and Mrs. Miller of Layton, were in town yesterday.

A. J. George left yesterday for his home at Houtzdale to spend Christmas with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Neville and family have gone to Lancaster to spend Christmas.

Boyer Green Seal Chandler, Can be had at Houtzdale drug store. Call and look them over.

Miss Margaret Carson of Layton, was in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lohm and baby of Dawson, were in town this morning on their way to Deer Park, Md., to spend Christmas with relatives.

Miss Marie Camp of New Haven, has gone to Onondaga to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. H. P. Snyder and children went to McKeesport this morning to spend Christmas with Mrs. Snyder's mother.

Miss Edith and Robert Brown of Brownsville, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Edith Leitchy, in New Haven.

First Lord of Beaver, Pa., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Galt, on Patterson avenue. Mrs. Reed has been visiting here for the past several days. Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott Gil-

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At your dealers.
SCHELL HARDWARE COMPANY

more and children of Smithfield, will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore.

Mr. H. Hovey left last night for Washington, D. C. to spend Christmas with his wife.

Miss Edith Oberly left this morning for her home in Toledo, O., to spend Christmas with her parents.

Miss Minnie Storey of Latrobe, in the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Storey, of North Pittsburgh street.

Mrs. A. J. Cochran of Dawson, was in town yesterday.

Mrs. Mary C. Buttermore of East Pittsburg, went to Pittsburgh yesterday to visit her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Jenkins.

Attorney H. P. Kennedy of Uniontown, was in town yesterday.

Frank Funk of Williamsburg, will arrive home this evening to spend Christmas with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Funk.

Miss Lila Carson of Layton, was the guest of friends here yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCree left this morning for Canton, O., where they will spend Christmas with relatives.

Go to Huston's drug store for Revolver, Seal Chandler, None better. Huston's Main street drug store.

Captain J. H. Reed of Pittsburgh, was calling on his many friends here yesterday.

William Miller of Baltimore is here on a visit to friends.

Miss Ethel Miller of Dawson, was here yesterday.

Miss Emma Huston is visiting friends in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. S. M. Frost of East Main street, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. William Hilliard, of Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Mary Coulter, and daughter of New Haven, went to McKeesport this afternoon to spend Christmas with relatives.

TO CURE A COUGH IN ONE DAY
Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c. 1-1-10

NEW HAVEN.

Local Matters from the Sister Borough Across the Youngbloods.

Mrs. A. C. Overholt of Scotland, was the guest of her sister, Miss Bouline Torrence, of Main street, yesterday.

Miss Josephine Blumhult, went to Wyndhurst today to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Blumhult. She will also visit friends in New Brighton before returning to her home.

Constance A. C. Duncan of Dunbar, was in town yesterday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garce of Fayette City, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson for the past week or more, went to Pittsburgh yesterday, to visit the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Garce, over Christmas.

Mrs. Harry Matson of Hazleton, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Moore.

The Misses Worthington of Vandalia, were shopping in town yesterday.

Mrs. John Smith of Third street, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Hunt, and Mrs. John Lackey, of Uniontown, yesterday.

Mrs. S. M. Frost of Fayetteville, was in town yesterday on business.

Miss Nellie Maust of Main street, arrived home today from Glenside, where she was the guest of her uncle.

Misses Jennette and Eliza Hart of Washington, Pa., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hart of Greensburg.

Mrs. Charles Hietzel and children left yesterday for Buffalo, N. Y., where they will make their future home. Mr. and Mrs. William Gifford accompanied them.

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Utz and baby will spend Christmas with Dr. Utz's parents in Williamsburg.

Dr. and Mrs. B. S. McKee and two children, Helen, and Edith, of Main street, will spend Christmas with relatives in Pittsburgh.

Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Smith of Smithfield, will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rhodes of New Haven.

DIED.

Gibson Nathaniel Helms.
Gibson Nathaniel Helms, aged 44 years, a veteran of the Civil war, died this morning at his late home at South Connelville. Mr. Helms had been in ill health for the past several weeks. He was not thought to be seriously ill by the members of his family. Heart failure was the immediate cause of his death.

Mr. Helms was a resident of Connelville all his life. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Helms, were among the early settlers of Connelville. His father died about 15 years ago at the home of his son-in-law, Squire S. S. Scott, in Meadowdale. Mr. Helms was born on Water street near the site where the Hotel Inn is now located. When a young man he married Miss Catherine Miller of Connelville. They were born two of whom survive, Mrs. Mary Young, and James Helms of South Connelville. William died several years ago. Several years after the death of his first wife he married Mrs. Mary Young of South Connelville. They had two children, Roy, and Gagner, who were born to this union.

At the outbreak of the Civil war Mr. Helms enlisted in Company H, 12th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers. He served three years and fought in many of the important battles. He was a member of the Union Veterans Legion, and the William F. Kutz No. 101, G. A. R. Mr. Helms was one of the most respected and popular residents of Connelville and vicinity. Of late years he had lived retired. At one time he was a member of the United Veterans Association but several years ago withdrew his membership. Besides his widow and children, the following brothers and sisters survive: Mrs. S. S. Kearn, Mrs. J. K. Pierce, Mrs. John Truitt, of South Connelville; Mrs. Katherine Miller of Lemons, and William Helms of West Elizabeth.

Miss Emily Rogers.
Miss Emily Rogers, daughter of the late Captain Henry Blackstone, and Gary A. Boyd Blackstone, formerly known and prominent residents of Connelville, died Saturday, December 5, in Florence, Italy, while on a visit to relatives.

Miss Blackstone was born and reared in Connelville, but of late years has of her home with her sister, Mrs. Eliza Wilkins, of Salisbury. For a number of years the family resided on Water street. The Blackstones were among the most widely known residents of Connelville and vicinity and have many relatives in and about Connelville, including Dr. Rogers and the Misses Rogers of Scotland, the Torrence and Blackstone families here. Miss Blackstone never married. She is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Alex. Johnston, Mrs. Sarah Blackstone, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. Eliza Wilkins of Baltimore; James and Louis of Philadelphia, and Frank of Pittsburgh.

Dr. J. Ross Reed.
Dr. J. Ross Reed, son of James M. Reed, of North Maple avenue, Greensburg, died at Mercy hospital, Pittsburgh, from pneumonia. Dr. Reed had been a patient at Mercy hospital for the past seven days, having been taken there from Conemaugh, where he had been suffering from pneumonia. His condition since last Saturday had been critical at all times.

Dr. Reed was 34 years of age. He was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and had practiced medicine at Bradford, Scotland and Conemaugh. His aged parents, James M. Reed, and the following brothers and sisters survive: Mrs. D. M. Hallett, St. Louis, Mo.; J. Corvado, Reed, Greensburg; William M. Reed, Johnstown; Mrs. Howard Tobetha, Greensburg; Dr. Reed was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Pittsburgh.

Funeral of Mrs. J. H. Hough.
The body of the late Mrs. James M. Hough of Pittsburgh, was brought here for interment this afternoon, on the

After Christmas.

If in need of anything in the Grocery line you can get it here Saturday at our very low prices of last week.

Wishing all our friends and patrons a very Merry Christmas, we are yours for low prices.

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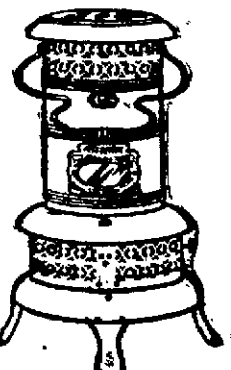


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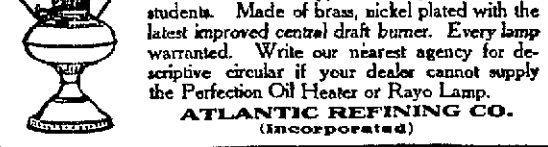
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Our Shoe Departments are overcrowded with the best stocks of Shoes for men and women, boys and girls, that were ever in our stores. The goods are all manufactured expressly for us, our own designs made special. We feel sure that any person, male or female, wanting a good, serviceable, dress shoe can find it in our stocks. We guarantee every pair. If they don't prove satisfactory, return them and get another pair, or if you prefer we will refund your money.

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CHRISTMAS DAY AT SCOTSDALE.

Trade in Mine Town Much
Better Than Was
Expected.

MILL PAY TODAY WILL HELP.

Absence of Coko Workers Is Notice-
able—As in Former Years Streets
Were Filled With Them Carrying
Toys.

SCOTSDALE, Dec. 21.—That the Christmas trade has been better than it was expected to be, seems to be the testimony of the most of the merchants, particularly those who handle the necessary things of life. One who sells wearing apparel says that his trade is much better than it was last year, but not so good as two years ago. The people want things that look well, make a neat present, that can be put to use, and are not so expensive. For illustration, handkerchiefs of all kinds, enough to wipe the noses of all the citizens during an influenza epidemic, have been sold for gifts. The shoe dealers have had hardly what they could call a good trade. The weather has been very much against the shoe man. The continuing drizzle, no rain, no snow, no bitter cold even, has allowed the people to wear the same shoes. The rubber business, which hardly any profit can be stretched out of during the most inclement seasons, has been nothing. It will leave a stock on hands. In candy and nutcases the trade has been good, but no stockpiling has been loaded up heavily on fancy eatings.

This is pay-day at the mill and it is expected that quite a stir in business will be experienced today. The mill people are always good buyers, and while this year they have been having a shortage of work they will nevertheless be full in the stores. There is one thing about this Christmas that many people remark upon and that is the absence of the coke workers. It used to be a familiar sight to see a "lunkie" with a hobby horse, or a little red wheelbarrow, or something else like that under his arm, hurrying to the street car. There were dozens of them. But this year he is scarce, on account of the shutdown of the coke works. Christmas will be observed with treats at all the Sunday schools tonight or tomorrow. The postoffice is having a heavy rush this year, postcards especially being in the ascendancy as mail matter. The office will be open until 11 o'clock tomorrow and closed the balance of the day.

Our New Story
Will soon be published. Watch for
announcement of the date.

DUNBAR.

DUNBAR, Dec. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Wark and family left on Wednesday for New York, where they will be the guests of friends and relatives for a few days.

Christmas cards and booklets, a large variety at Central Drug Store. Mrs. John Leubert and daughter, who have been visiting friends and relatives in Manchester, England, for the past year, returned home on Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark White, Mrs. George Hestetter and Rev. Francis W. Perkins were in Uniontown on Monday night attending the lecture and banquet of W. J. Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Leckey and daughter, Anna, were the guests of friends in Connellsville on Wednesday.

Mrs. Orla McGraw and son, Charles, left on Wednesday for Cumberland, Md., where they will be the guests of friends and relatives.

Mrs. Ethel Buckingham of Connellsville was here on Wednesday evening the guest of friends.

Mrs. Elmer Motzmann left today for Scottdale, where she will visit friends for a few days.

Mrs. J. H. Hulse was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. James Mason, of Connellsville on Tuesday.

Mrs. Ethel Barnes, James Leckey, Harry Hestetter, John Hestetter, Tony Collier were in Uniontown on Monday night attending the lecture of W. J. Bryan.

Mrs. Gladys Buttermore of Connellsville was here Tuesday evening calling on friends.

Howard McFarland, who has been the guest of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John McFarland, at Vanderbilt, returned home Wednesday.

Charles Gope was visiting friends at Lambert over Sunday.

Rev. Francis W. Perkins, pastor of the local Methodist Protestant Church, was in Uniontown on Monday evening attending the Bryan lecture and also the dinner. Mr. Perkins had the honor of delivering the invocation before the dinner started.

Superintendent Ben L. Berg of the Telephone Company of Connellsville was here on Wednesday attending to some business matters.

Mrs. Mary Lang and two children, Charles and Robert, of Vandergrift are the guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Mary Smith, of Dover Hill.

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Wark and four children left on Wednesday for Washington, Pa., where they will spend Christmas with friends and relatives.

The stock is getting very busy at Christmas time in presenting gifts to different families. One of the best is wearing a broad smile since his wife presented him with a Christmas gift in the shape of a baby girl, which arrived at their home Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Lpton D. Spier and two children, Stewart and Paul, were the guests of friends in Uniontown Wednesday.

H. C. Foltz was a business caller in Uniontown.

Mrs. Mary Spurr was the guest of friends in Scottdale on Wednesday.

M. L. Parker of Pittsburgh was here on Wednesday calling on friends.

George Winkert was a business caller in Uniontown on Wednesday.

Alexander Leubert left Wednesday evening for Lancaster, Pa., where he will spend his Christmas vacation with his parents.

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CONFLUENCE.

CONFLUENCE, Dec. 21.—Milton Show and Andy Plankman were in town on business Wednesday.

Mrs. Maud and Margaretta Collier of Dunbar were in town doing some shopping yesterday.

John Burdett of Johnson's Chapel was a business caller in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Cook of Meyersdale, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. William Reiber, for the past few days, returned home last evening.

Robert Frantz, who is attending State College, came home Tuesday evening to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Frantz.

Miss Edith Waller of Markleton spent the day in town with friends on Wednesday.

James A. Williams of Addison was in town on business yesterday.

Benjamin McNitt, Jr., agent at Somerset, spent several days this week with his family.

Frank Krieger and Harrison Moon of near Markleton were among the business callers in town yesterday.

The Sunday school of Johnson's Chapel will meet its members Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Glover were shopping in town yesterday.

Harry Wilson was a caller in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clouse and son, Donald, left yesterday for Markleton, where they will visit Mrs. Clouse's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shunk, over the holidays.

Miss Elizabeth of Ohio was in town doing some shopping yesterday.

Monroe Sobert, who has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. Lee Stewart, at Somerset for the past week has returned home.

George Wagner made a business trip to Somerset, Pa. Wednesday.

Al. R. Thomas of Philadelphia was a visitor in town Wednesday.

Harry Plankman was a caller in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Shunk of Johnson's Chapel were in town doing some shopping yesterday afternoon.

Misses Mollie and Sam, formerly of Charleston were in town Wednesday afternoon on a shopping trip.

James West of Indiana was a Confluence caller yesterday.

Professor Willard left Wednesday evening to spend the holidays with his parents.

Dr. W. Curle of Markleton was in town Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Samuel Pickett went to Markleton, Pa. Wednesday to visit his brother, Isaac, Norman Starnes, who is very ill with typhoid fever.

Charles Pickett came home Tuesday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Pickett.

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MT. PLEASANT.

MT. PLEASANT, Dec. 21.—Mrs. James Dill of Church street is not expected to recover from the effects of a severe attack of diphtheria. Her youngest child died a few weeks ago from the disease. The attending physician has used antitoxin three times upon the patient but to no avail. It was thought that she would recover the last time it was used, but immediately afterwards she took a turn for the worse and is now in a critical condition.

The announcement is made of the engagement of James McGuire and Mrs. Anna Macher. The marriage will take place in the near future. Both are well known at this place. The groom is employed in the bottling department of the Mt. Pleasant brewery and has for many years been a resident here.

The Catholic school of this place are closed for the holiday vacation which will be two weeks after Christmas.

William Randolph and daughter, Miss Anna May, left today for Philadelphia, where they will spend Christmas with the former's brother, John Randolph.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hingle of Main street left today for Pittsburgh, where they will spend Christmas with their son, Lawrence Hingle, of that place.

Dr. D. M. Cheson was a caller at Brownsville yesterday on a professional visit.

Jacob Criss of Jones Mills was doing his Christmas shopping in town yesterday.

Edward Christian of Berlin was calling on old friends in town yesterday.

Thomas Sention, of First National Bank, was a business caller at Greensburg yesterday.

Dr. W. J. Hunter of Indian Head was a business caller in town yesterday.

John Phillips of Kroyan was a business caller in town yesterday.

V. L. M. Mough of Seaside was a business caller in town yesterday.

H. F. Ferguson of Greensburg was calling on friends at this place Wednesday.

John W. Doyle Jr. and W. M. Rogers of Connellsville were business callers at this place yesterday.

George W. Mendenhall was a caller at Scottdale yesterday.

Turkey around the Yuletide season have never brought such a high price in many years as now.

Yesterday turkeys could not be bought in town for 20 cents the pound. All the butcher shops and other stores had no more to offer for higher prices or did not have any more left to sell. The latter was more in evidence than the former.

John Hanson of Indiana was calling on friends at this place yesterday.

August Spletter of Leech, was inspecting his new business block which is being erected near the street car junction.

William Hiltmann of near Bear Rocks, was a business caller in town yesterday.

John Bosart was a caller at Duell yesterday.

Charles and William Randolph were business callers at Greensburg Tuesday.

Charles Cunningham, Isaac Shuck and John H. Hiltmann were business callers at Greensburg yesterday.

Hubert of Bradford, was calling on friends at this place yesterday.

F. A. Wernert of Pittsburgh, was calling in town yesterday.

Walter Barnes, who is a student of the local High School, is going for Disneuse, where he will spend Christmas with his parents.

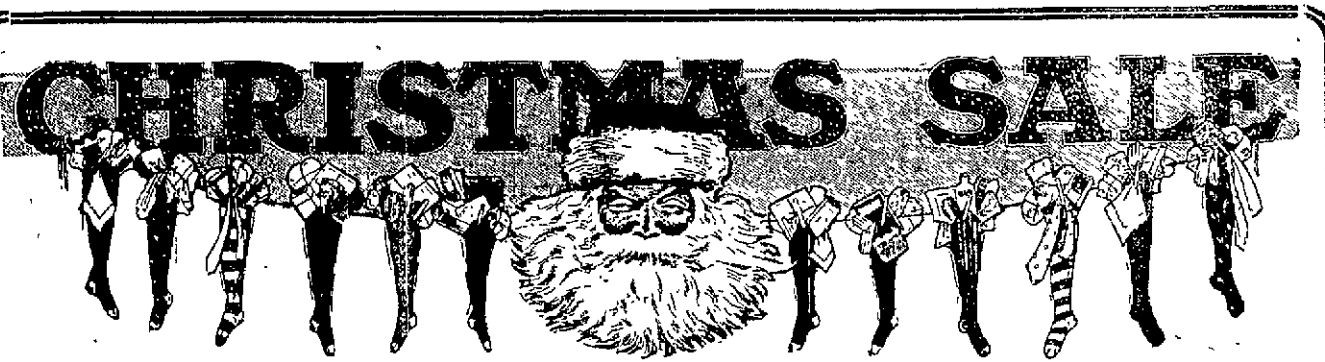
The local High School Basketball Team were trimmed by the Bennett High school team 19 to 12, at Jeannette last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Pickett.

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Here is the most important bit of news that the gift-buyers of Connellsville and vicinity have ever read—an actual cut of 25 per cent. from the price of each and every article in this store—making it possible to effect wonderful savings and purchase twice as much as you had intended in the six days which remain before Christmas!

The great success of our Pre-Holiday Sale has prompted us to clear out everything by Christmas Eve. We would rather take very small profits and have unusually big sales than to take big profits and have the usual sales. So for these last days we have clipped 25c from every dollar price and the same proportion for other prices. This is a glorious opportunity for gift-seekers to effect unprecedented savings on their gift purchases!

Sensational Christmas Bargains in

Jewelry,
Leather Goods,
Women's Neckwear,
Coats, Suits and Furs,
Waists and Skirts,
Gloves and Hosiery,
Knit Underwear,
Umbrellas,
Christmas Novelties,
and a score of other things
suitable for Xmas Gifts!

It is impossible to mention our entire stocks, and we would have to if we were to quote everything included in this remarkable underpricing event. Just come to the store and take your choice of anything and everything and pay 25 per cent. less than its regular price! NOW you can get that gift you thought was too expensive!

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

FELDSTEIN'S,

136 N. Pittsburg Street, Connellsville, Penna.

OHIOPILE.

OHIOPILE, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Bertha Hill and children left Wednesday morning for Connellsville to visit friends and relatives.

Mrs. H. G. Jones is spending a few days on a visit with relatives and friends in Pittsburgh.

Edward Jackson is a Connellsville and Uniontown business visitor Friday.

Joseph Tieson of Whig Corner was a business caller in Connellsville on Wednesday.

Joseph Nicholson departed Wednesday morning for Connellsville where he will visit relatives and friends.

Mrs. Raymond Show of Sugar Loaf was shopping in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Nellie Daniels and daughter of near Maple Summit spent Wednesday in town.

Mrs. Blanche Hamilton and daughter of near Run were the guests of relatives and friends in town Wednesday.

Mrs. George Burnworth of near Maple Summit was shopping in town Wednesday morning.

C. A. Moon, who for the past several weeks has been employed near here, left Wednesday for his home in Norristown, W. Va.

Whitney Morrison, who is a student at Oberlin College, Oberlin, O., is home on his Christmas vacation.

Rev. F. M. Cunningham returned home Wednesday from Pittsburgh, where he has been serving as jurymen on the United States Court jury for the past several days.

Mrs. Thomas Bailey of Whig Corner spent Wednesday in town shopping.

Harry P. Burdett of Beaver Creek was an OhioPILE business caller Wednesday.

George Skinner of Whig Corner was a business caller in town yesterday.

SMITHFIELD.

SMITHFIELD, Dec. 21.—Rev. W. M. Ryan, pastor of the local Presbyterian Church, was in town Wednesday morning.

Rev. A. L. Jones is conducting a protracted meeting this week at Continental.

Mrs. A. C. Jones was a Uniontown shopper yesterday.

Low Anderson of Pittsburgh, was calling on the merchants here yesterday and today.

The Wharton Coke Company will pay the employees the day before Christmas.

The question as to who is responsible for the tuition of students going out of their district to high school was brought up for discussion at the recent directors' convention at Uniontown. It was decided by that body that the student should have mastered all the branches taught in his district school before that district was responsible for his tuition at any high school. If this is right, and it looks reasonable that it should be, it is important as it affects students in this borough that are going to the high school at Uniontown, and who expect that their tuition will be paid by the borough.

Charles Woodfill and W. T. Ruble of Ruble, were early business callers this morning.

Arley Brooks of Morris Cross Roads was a borough business visitor today.

Walter Gruber caught the thief that destroyed a breakfast of fish with which he had stocked his private pond in South Georgia township. It was a mink. The pet was taken before a magistrate here this morning who made out the necessary papers to entitle Mr. Gruber to the bounty under the notions animal act.

Wilbur Johnson of Baxters Ridge, was a borough shopper this morning.

A goodly number of Rev. W. M. Ryan's parishioners and friends made the hearts of himself and family glad last night by a happy gathering at the parsonage, and bestowing on them a abundance of the things necessary to nourish and strengthen the human body.

Howard Craig and daughter of Nicholson township, were borough shoppers today.

B. F. Black Jr. was a Uniontown business visitor yesterday.

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OWENSDALE, Dec. 21.—A Christmas entertainment will be held at the Jacobus Creek M. E. Church on Friday evening. An excellent program has been arranged. The title of the exercises of the evening is "The Coming of the King." A large attendance is expected to hear the rendition of the program. Read the advertisement carefully. Miss Mary Leichter of Scottdale is a guest of friends here.

Mrs. C. D. Hixon is specially ill at her home at Shadyside, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Roger King and Miss Ma Miller were visiting relatives at Scottdale Wednesday.

Ray Flanagan of Findlay, O., is a guest of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Robbins.

Mrs. Grant Shallenberger and Miss Edna Mills.

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GOOD NEW YEAR IS PREDICTED FOR CONNELLSVILLE REGION.

Operators Expect and Are Fully Prepared to Meet a Record Breaking Demand for All Kinds of Coke.

BIG BUYERS IN THE MARKET.

Authorities On The Industry Tell of Depleted Stocks During 1908 and See Big Business Coming—Fred P. Truesdale Discusses Outlook.

From The Weekly Courier.

With the glow of more newly-lit ovens in the sky from week to week, a bow of promise arches over the Connelville region for this coming year. Leaders in the coke industry and those whose business it is to keep track of the fluctuations in the industry and of the causes leading to such fluctuations, are unanimous in their expressions of confidence that with the passing of 1908 better times are close at hand.

While the recent spurt in the making of coke has had a temporary reaction, from which the business is feeling the effects for the moment, this it is believed, is but a passing manifestation of those changing conditions which always mark the passing of an era of depression, before consumers have fully grasped the tide of new business about to flow in. For the new year high hopes are entertained, and by many it is believed that 1909 may prove a record-breaker as have other bright years of the past.

Many conditions are present to warrant such a belief. For a year, both large and small consumers of iron and steel products, to whose manufacture coke is an essential, have been using hand-to-mouth supplies. The country is practically barren of stocks. The railroads need rails, locomotives, cars, track material and general equipment. With the general growth of business their requirements will steadily become more pressing during the coming 12 months. Last year's enormous crops have left the farmers with plenty of money to buy not only necessities but luxuries. Much harvesting machinery will be made and sold in the United States and much will be exported. Construction of naval vessels will go on under the program of the government and will absorb considerable quantities of iron and steel. The Panama canal job is requiring a steady stream of output from steel mills and factories. Its approaching completion is expected to give a fresh impetus to the building of vessels in the United States.

There is still some temporary halting in business circles over the forthcoming action by Congress on the revision of the tariff but no radical changes are expected in any cases in which home industries might be injured.

Fred P. Truesdale, special freight agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad in the Connelville region, with headquarters at Uniontown, one of the best-poised men in the region on coke trade conditions and prospects, in discussing the coming year with a representative of The Courier said: "I believe that next year's coke business will far outstrip that of any prosperous year which this region has ever enjoyed. Coke operators

have spent large sums of money during 1908 building new plants, opening additional mines and in other ways getting ready for a rush of business. When it comes they will be prepared to meet the demand. I base my belief for a big year in 1909 on the fact that orders were piled down to a minimum during 1908. Nobody bought more than actual requirements for current demand. There was no stockpiling of raw or finished material. Iron and steel were bought from hand to mouth. With business everywhere showing signs of revival the coming year should normally be a big one. Complete reports of hand to date, from iron and steel manufacturers show a regular increase in current business, coupled with inquiries for the coming year for heavy future output. Iron and steel will be needed for many things. The railroads are turning to the use of steel for making both freight and passenger cars more and more every year. Steel cars mean not only greater safety and some economies, but are becoming profitable with the increasing price of lumber. The railroads generally are coming into line for steel cars. They will not only buy more of those, but locomotives and other equipment as well. I am not speaking officially, of course, but merely from the standpoint of the outlook for the coke trade during the next year.

"The Connelville region will be ready with six thousand new ovens, built or under construction, and which will be completed early in 1909. Eighteen new blast furnaces new building will require coke. The United States Steel Corporation is building a large block of furnaces at Gary, Indiana, are being erected by M. A. Hanna & Company and others at Niagara Falls, near Buffalo. The Jones & Laughlin Steel Company will have its new battery of furnaces at Allegheny. The new Charlotte furnace of Corrihan, McKimsey & Company at Scottsdale will go into blast about the first of the year. Four furnaces are being completed at Youngstown by two big steel companies."

"In what shape will the railroad companies be to meet the car demand of the coke trade?"

"The railroads are able to meet all demands for the transportation of coke. The Pennsylvania Railroad has an adequate supply of cars, to care for all business offered. The Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad has bought 1,500 new coke cars. Of 126 furnaces in the Pittsburgh district and westward to the Mississippi 36 are in blast or 67 per cent."

O. W. Kennedy, President of the Independent Coke Operators Association, speaking of the coming year, said: "The prospects are for a good year. Demand is increasing and operators are generally in a much better state of mind than they were one year ago. We are again on the upgrade, passing out of a period of depression and normal conditions should come back during 1909. Coke production must increase to meet the increasing demand in iron and steel in all directions and in expectation of such demand new plants have been built and are getting in shape for operation."

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COPPER GREENED PEAS INJURIOUS.

Sulphate Process of Coloring Vegetables a Form of Adulteration.

American canning companies which supply the wholesale market with green vegetables in tins are pleased over the ruling of the Secretaries of the Treasury, Agriculture and Commerce of Labor that after December 31 no vegetables treated by the copper sulphate "greening" process may be imported into this country. Every community is affected by the order, as immense quantities of French peas, Brussels sprouts, beans and spinach are received each year in Pennsylvania towns.

Until such time as these goods are prepared for American export without an artificial "hectic green flush" the American canneries will profit largely by the new state of affairs. The Government has called the attention of merchants to the fact that foods greened with copper salts will not be allowed entry after this year, as all substances containing the salts are held to be adulterated.

That such foodstuffs should be excluded was agreed upon several months ago by the Secretaries of the three Departments, but as contractors had expected for the present year's packing it was decided to allow the present conditions to exist until January, provided goods coming in did not contain an excessive amount of coloring.

The greening of vegetables with copper sulphate is practised to a large extent in foreign countries, and great quantities of such goods have been shipped to the United States, principally through the port of New York, although Philadelphia has been a large importer.

It is the opinion of the Board of Food and Drug Inspection that copper sulphate is injurious and should be prohibited.

"Most of the greened vegetables received at this port are used for consumption in Philadelphia, and the State," said Collector Hill yesterday. "I have not the figures of imports in this line available at present, but I know they represent many thousands of dollars a year. The order will mean that large sums will be diverted to American canners in that line of business."

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OFFICIAL AVERAGES PA. W. VA. LEAGUE.

Sunny Price Lead the Connelville Team in Hitting With Sweeney Second.

President James Groninger of the Pennsylvania & West Virginia League has announced the "official" averages for the past season. In view of some of the scorers employed by the league the fact that the averages bear the stamp of approval from the President does not make them exactly authentic, even though they be official.

"Sunny" Price led the Connelville team in hitting with .278. The others trailed as follows: Sweeney, .258; Pfeiffer, .252; Cuffman, .241; Blanchard, .237; Egan, .237; Finney, .235; Birmingham, .233; Culbourn, .235; Wallace, .207; Francis, .200; Yount, .205; Montgomery, .195; Cotter, .140.

F. Dawson led the league in base running, having 38 platters to his credit. Egan was second with 27. Sunny Price swiped 22, Montgomery 20, and Francis 13.

Joe Phillips of Uniontown led the league in batting with .307. Jacobson, formerly with Connelville, hit .294.

Stole \$25; Thief Leaves Overcoat. WEST NEWTON, Pa., Dec. 24.—After stealing \$25 yesterday morning from the home of James Sharp, an insurance agent here, a burglar left his own overcoat, worth more than the amount stolen. Mr. Sharp, after a critical examination of clues, thinks he can lead the robber.

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SENATOR KNOX, NEW SECRETARY OF STATE; MRS. KNOX AND THEIR COUNTRY HOME



Senator Philander Knox of Pennsylvania, who has accepted the office of Secretary of State to succeed Elihu Root in the Taft Cabinet, was born in Brownsville, Pa., on May 6, 1853, and was graduated from Mount Union College, Alliance, O., in 1872. He engaged in the practice of law in 1876 and soon became one of the most distinguished and successful practitioners at the Pennsylvania bar. He was made Attorney General by Mr. McKinley on April 9, 1901, and remained in the Cabinet under Mr. Roosevelt until June, 1904, when he resigned to accept the vacancy in the United States Senate caused by the death of Senator Quay. Mr. Knox was elected to the Senate to January, 1905, for the term ending March 3, 1911. The fact that he is to leave the Senate for the Cabinet has already caused activity among Senatorial aspirants in Pennsylvania. Among those who are talked of as candidates for Senator Knox's seat are George T. Oliver, millionaire iron manufacturer and newspaper publisher; Henry C. Frick, George F. Huff, John D. Rockefeller, Joseph V. Thompson, Judge John P. Eakin and Martin E. Olmstead. The accompanying cut contains a photograph of the Knox country home at historic Valley Forge.

SENATOR KNOX'S SUCCESSOR FROM WESTERN PART OF STATE.

Geographical Rule That Is Only an Unwritten Law Will Be Strictly Adhered to in Making Selection.

THOMPSON'S CHANCES GOOD.

Among the Candidates He and George T. Oliver Appear to Be the Strongest.—Washington News Gossip.

Special to The Courier.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—It is taken for granted Senator Knox's successor must come from the western end of the State. For many years this geographical rule has been observed in Pennsylvania. While it is only an unwritten law, it is probably as effective as though it were a constitutional provision. Doubtless there would be an uprising if some man from the eastern part of the State should enter the fight and develop great strength. There are many States where this geographical rule does not hold. For instance, both the Senators from New York hail from the Metropolis. Both of Indiana's Senators come from Indianapolis, which is near the geographical center of the State. But in Pennsylvania the rule has been to give each side of the Alleghenies a representative in the upper branch of the National Legislature.

Among those discussed here as pronounced candidates are: Joseph V. Thompson of Fayette county, and Justice John P. Eakin of Indiana county, together with the following bunch of Pittsburg ambitions: George T. Oliver and William Flinn, Congressman Burke, with others to hear from perhaps. No doubt there are many others who could be induced to accept the office and devote their energies and talents to the business of the government. It is assumed that Senator Penrose would have a potent voice in the selection of the new Senator since he is admitted to control a large majority of the Republican members of the present Legislature so far as his own reelection is concerned.

Of those talked of to succeed Senator Knox, none is more active than Congressman Burke, who is making an open campaign for the position, with the avowed intention to win until the end. George T. Oliver is also doing some quite interesting work. Mr. Thompson is not given out any information as to whether he will engage in the hunt for the Senator's seat. He is known, however, here to be one of the strong candidates and there is every reason to believe that his chances are as good as those of any other candidate, if not a shade the

better. He would make an ideal representative of the Western end of the State, representing as he does a wonderful industrial and commercial district. The general impression here is that Senator Knox will have a great deal to do with the naming of his successor, and to Fayette county, the new Secretary of State's native county may fall the honor, and in that event, Joseph V. Thompson, her most prominent resident would receive the plum. At any rate it will be a lively fight with a number of candidates in the field and it would make the forthcoming session of the Legislature one of the most interesting that has been held in years. The election of one Senator is generally an excitement enough for one session, but if two are to be chosen the show will be worth double admiration.

A question that is engrossing the attention of President Roosevelt and the Postmaster General is the results of the recent order issued by the President placing 15,000 fourth class postmasters under civil service. Over 3,000 postmasters in Pennsylvania are affected by the order, which gives them life tenure in office if they are satisfied with the emoluments. Fourth class offices are those which pay less than \$1,000 salary annually, and the great majority of them pay from \$50 to \$100 a year.

The question now is what sort of civil service examination shall be required to make an applicant eligible to one of these offices. It seems scarcely reasonable to ask a candidate for appointment to an office that pays \$50 a year to stand a written test in algebra, geometry or physics. Most of the incumbents in these offices are men who sell stamps in connection with their other business for the convenience of their customers and not for the profit there is in it. These men will be inclined to tell the Government to take the office if they are required to pass an examination of any consequence.

Then it is argued that it would not be consistent to require the same examination of a candidate for a \$50 office that might be required for an office that pays over \$900. The whole matter was discussed this week by President Roosevelt with Postmaster General Meyer and Senator Penrose and Representative Overstreet, respectively, of the Senate and House Committees on Postoffices and Postroads. They did not reach any conclusion, but it was sort of understood among them

that in the case of the small offices, no examination at all, or, if any, just a formal one, would be required. It is certain that no conditions will be imposed that will keep the Government from getting competent men to sell stamps in small places. The President recognizes that a man may make a right good fourth class postmaster and administer the office in an honest and satisfactory manner and yet have no knowledge of higher mathematics or of the sciences. The executive order placing these offices under the civil service was made with a view to protecting the incumbents from the perils of politics and to give the department more efficient service. It was issued as an experiment, and if it proves indelible the order will be revoked. If, however, it is a success, the order will be extended to include all fourth class offices in the country.

All through the hearings that have been conducted by the Ways and Means Committee on the Tariff question, Pennsylvania interests have been represented and have entered their protests against any reduction in the Tariff rates. Recently the coal producers, alarmed by the reports that the committee was considering placing coal on the free list, asked for a hearing and it was arranged Colonel George F. Huff, Chairman of the House Committee on Mines and Mining. The operators sent a delegation here and presented their side of the case. They urged the committee not to take the duty of 67 cents a ton off coal, declaring that if this is done it will let Canadian coal into some parts of this country to the very great detriment of the home industry. They said Nova Scotia coal would pour into the New England States and that Pennsylvania coal men would lose that market entirely. Likewise the product from Vancouver's Island would monopolize the markets of the northern Pacific States.

But, on the other hand, the operators urged that if the committee in framing the new bill, concluded to take the Tariff off coal, they make it a condition that Canada shall do likewise and permit free entry of American coal into that country. Canada's tariff on this article is the same as ours and the coal producers want Reciprocity as the next best thing to the Tariff. They argue that the allowing the present Tariff to remain, even with Reciprocity they argue that American interests will get the worst of the bargain, but they say they can't do a measure to compensate for the markets they will lose by gaining some in Canada. The committee gave no indication of what it would do, but from reports that are circulated about the committee room, they are now thinking very favorably of the Reciprocity scheme.

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OUSTED FROM MISSOURI.

Subsidiary Companies of Standard Oil Lose in Supreme Court.
Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 24.—Declaring that the Standard Oil company of Indiana, the Republic Oil company of Ohio and the Waters-Pierce Oil company of Missouri had conspired and combined to monopolize the oil business in Missouri, the state supreme court has issued a decree ousting all three concerns from the commonwealth and taxing them \$50,000 each.

The decree against the Waters-Pierce company is tempered by the proviso that it may continue in business, if by Jan. 15, 1909, it can show to the court that it has taken steps to operate as an independent concern and as satisfied the judgment against it. The other companies are given until March 1, 1909, to wind up their affairs in the state.

The decision, which was unanimous on the part of seven judges, is so sweeping that Attorney General Hadley and Governor Folk hail it as the end of illegal commercial combinations in Missouri, and the former asserts that, in conjunction with the decision of the supreme court of the United States in the tobacco trust case, it will affect similar suits in other states. Attorney General Hadley, who has received the Missouri case since its inception in March, 1905, will become governor in less than a month and then will be charged with the enforcement of the decrees.

Pittsburg Markets.
Corn—No. 2 yellow ear, new, 73¢/74¢. Hay—No. 1 Timothy, \$13.75/14.25. Cheese—Ohio full cream, 14¢/15¢. Butter—Prints, 32¢/33¢; cubes, 32¢/33¢; Ohio cream, 30¢/31¢. Eggs—Selected, 37¢/38¢. Cattle—Supply light; market steady. Choices, \$5.50/6.75; prime, \$4.20/5.40; good, \$3.75/4.90; city butchers, \$3.50/5.00; fair, \$3.40/4.75; bulls, \$2.00/4.50; halfers, \$3.00/3.50; common to good fat cows, \$1.50/4.25; good fresh cows and springers, \$2.50/5.50; common to fair, \$2.00/2.50. Sheep and Lambs—Supply light; market steady on sheep and stronger on lambs. Prime wethers, \$3.30/4.50; good mixed, \$4.00/4.25; fair mixed, \$3.25/3.30; culls and common, \$1.50/2.50. Lambs, \$4.50/7.50; veal calves, \$5.00/9.00; heavy and thin calves, \$4.50/6.50.

Somerset Real Estate Transfers.
SOMERSET, PA., Dec. 21.—The following are the most recent real estate transfers in Somerset county since the 1st of November: Norman Perce to Elizabeth Lumber company, \$302.81, Paint. J. Howard Strick to Penrose Wolf, 100, Woodcock. George Stahl et al. to Andrew J. Rosmer, \$2,000, Somerset. Paul Miller et al. to Indian Creek coal company, \$11,111.34, Middleburg. Somerset Coal company to Pennsylvania Branch Railroad company, \$1, 100, Somerset. S. D. Livingston's assignee to C. M. Livingston, \$25, Elk Lick. Jere Miller et al. to Henry Shaulis, 200, Somerset. Henry Shaulis to Michael Hay, \$200, Somerset. Daniel Shaffer et al. to Elias Lehart, \$25, Jefferson. Elias Lehart's administrator to David E. Young, \$500, Jefferson. Daniel Shaffer to Joseph McLean, \$100, Jefferson. Cyrus Hemminger et al. to Jacob D. Shaulis, Somerset township. Frank Shikula et al. to Peter Sauer, \$500, Widdow. Emma E. Hummel et al. to Elmina E. Brubaker, \$200, Somerset. Abraham Waller et al. to E. O. Koser, \$2,100, Somerset township. Widdow Lumber company to E. A. Haver, \$250, Widdow. P. B. Collins et al. to James P. Kearney, \$400, Middleburg. William H. Hillebrand to same, \$83, Middleburg. Edward W. Walker to Edith Walker, \$1, Somerset. John Campbell to Lucinda E. Campbell, \$1, Jenner. John Vinick to Kate Vinick, \$1, Jenner. Michael Hickey et al. to Emma C. Hickey, \$1, New Baltimore. John Capelli to Giuseppe Geraci, \$200, Widdow.

Somerset Marriage Licenses.
The following marriage licenses have been recently issued by Charles F. Cook, Clerk of the District Court: Benjamin F. Dunne, Jr. of Somerset township and Ida Lessner of Metal township, Franklin county. Herbert B. Shaffer and Mary E. Brubaker, both of Somerset. Walter H. Altohouse of Gettysville and Malinda S. Snyder of Somerset. John H. Folk of Garrett county, Md., and Fannie C. Livingston of Elk Lick township. Orlando F. Foyck of Indiana, Pa., and Ida Weaver of Paint township.

Charles Notice.
In the Court of Common Pleas of Fayette County, Pennsylvania.
No. 74 March Term, 1909.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Hon. Robt. E. Umbel, President Judge of the said Court, on Tuesday, January 5th, 1909, at 10 o'clock A. M., under the Act of April 20th, 1874, known as the "Corporation Act of 1874" of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "The Polish American Citizens Club of Everett, Pennsylvania," the character and object of which is "to unite in a closer bond of unity the people of Polish blood or extraction now or hereafter residents within the Borough of Everett, or elsewhere within the State of Pennsylvania, that they may be better enabled to aid, assist and protect one another in the event of imposition, danger, suffering or disaster, for the purpose of moving together as a social body, for the discussion and mutual help of each other in the solution of problems of social, political or religious character; for the study of the Constitution of the United States, and the customs, institutions, language and laws of the United States of America, to the end that they may better discharge the duties of American Citizenship; and for these purposes to have and possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said Act of Assembly and its supplements." The proposed charter is now on file in the Prothonotary's office of said county, at the above number and from STEPHEN HIGGINS & DUNBAR, 17-21-Broadway, Solicitors.

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SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 21.—Tommy Burns, who fell heir to the heavy weight championship of James J. Jeffries, and Sam Langford, who has been generally recognized as the best of the colored heavyweights since the death of Peter Jackson, have put the finishing touches to their work of preparation and are ready to step into the ring to battle for the world's heavyweight championship in the stadium in this city. Both men appear to be in the very best condition. Burns has trained with his usual care and energy, and Johnson, realizing the importance of his position in the battle, has trained as he never trained before.

Burns will enter the ring a slight favorite unless there is a sudden and unexpected switching of the odds before the ring sounds. The rumors circulated in America that the fight may

proceed he has displayed in his Australian bouts Burns is not so much a favorite as might naturally be expected. He has a strong following, but Johnson also has made many friends since his arrival in Sydney because of his hard training and general appearance.

The stock of Burns has suffered somewhat from the opinion of Bob Fitzsimmons, the old Australian fighter, which has been cited here. In the opinion of Fitzsimmons, Johnson will be successful, for the reason that the negro is a terrific puncher, is heavier and more clever than Burns and consequently can go any distance. As the battle will be a finish Fitzsimmons believed that Johnson can take his time, and by reason of better physique can wear Burns down.

Johnson has a longer reach, is considerably heavier and nearly six inches taller than Burns. Whether he can hit harder or not is a matter of opinion for both are known to have a stiff punch. But Burns is acknowledged to outclass Johnson in one thing that is the most essential in the ring. It is in the knowledge of the fighting game and ring generally that Burns excels. And this excellence, in the opinion of his admirers, ought to win him the fight.

The champion is as confident as can be over the results. He declares that he will be able to put away the black man in less than ten rounds. Reports of equal confidence emanate today from the Johnson camp. The colored man says he will not be satisfied unless he scores a knockout before the fight has gone any great distance.

Local interest in the fight is at the height of the season. It is almost the sole topic of conversation today in the cafes and other places where sporting men congregate. Thousands have paid admission to see the two fighters do their training stunts, which, by the way, will add a day sum to the \$21,000 which will go to the winner and the \$11,000 which represents the short end of the purse. The demand for seats is unprecedented and will probably result in fancy prices being offered before the mill begins. The big stadium where the fight takes place will accommodate thousands of spectators. Nevertheless it will probably be filled to overflowing. Large crowds of visitors are already arriving from Melbourne and from distant points to witness the fight.



TOMMY BURNS.

be "fixed" are not credited here. The general opinion in sporting circles here is that the fight will be strictly on the level and that each man has about an equal chance of winning. Despite the

CAN'T TAX STREET CARS.

Judge Evans Hands Down Opinion in City's Suit Against Railways Co. Judge Evans of the Common Pleas Court of Allegheny county, in an opinion handed down yesterday announced that Pittsburg has no right to tax street cars. The opinion was written in the case in which the city sued the Pittsburg Railways Company to recover \$31,500 as a car tax. In an answer filed by the defendant company it was set forth that the city had no power or authority to impose a tax upon the cars.

In his opinion Judge Evans discusses the questions involved and states that the attempt of the city to levy a tax on cars is illegal, as it is an assessment on the railway company's property, and that the issue regarding taxation of street railway property had been exhaustively considered in the case of the Pittsburg Railways Company against the city, decided some time ago.

COAL PEACE BOARD REVIEWS ITS WORK.

Many Cases Have Been Examined Into and Peaceful Adjustment Made.

The Board of Conciliation, established by the Anthracite Strike Commission to settle disputes between the miner workers and the operators, has issued a report covering the first three years of its work. The volume contains 335 pages and gives a full account of the board's activities in the way of mediation.

In the forthcoming discussion between the operators and the miner workers this report of the Conciliation Board will take an important part; the tribunal will cease to exist after April 1 of the miners win their point. One of the demands recently submitted to the union conference at Scranton calls for the abolition of the board.

At the end of the report is a summary showing the disposition of the cases that came up for decision. One hundred and fifty complaints were submitted in the three years. Of these 14 were pending at the end of the third year, leaving one hundred and thirty-six disposed of within the period covered by the report. Seventy-four were "not sustained" or "withdrawn," eleven were "sustained," eight were "partially sustained" or "compromised," and fourteen were settled through the influence of the board. Nine grievances, submitted by men who thought employment had been unjustly refused them, were not sustained, but the board recommended that employment be given to them. Of the 29 grievances passed upon by an umpire, four were sustained.

In the time that has passed since the first report, the complaints have been much less frequent than they were before. This is taken as an indication that the feeling between the mine workers and the operators has improved. The records of the board, from the time of its formation up to date, show a total of 173 cases, so that only 22 complaints have been received since March 31, 1906, against 150 before then.

The Conciliation Board is composed of three representatives of the mine workers and three representatives of the operators. The scope of its work was broadly defined by the Anthracite Strike Commission, and the board itself adopted a set of rules to govern its procedure. Any mine worker in the entire region, if he thinks he has a grievance, and has failed to obtain satisfaction from the official directly over him, may lay his grievance before the board. Witnesses are called, evidence is taken, and opportunity is given to each side to present arguments. A majority vote of the board is sufficient for a verdict. If there is an even "split" of the six members, the case is referred to an umpire appointed by a judge of the third federal circuit. The umpire's decision is final.

Recently the board announced a clean docket, having disposed of all the cases laid before it.

In the spring of 1906, when the award of the Strike Commission expired, the mine workers' committee demanded that the Conciliation Board be done away with. They proposed another scheme, by which the region would be divided into districts and a series of minor arbitration tribunals created. To this the operators replied by reviewing the work of the board, calling attention to the dispute with which it had disposed of grievances, and to the peaceful conditions which it had brought about. The result was that the award of the Strike Commission was extended for another three years, until April 1, 1909, still leaving the Conciliation Board as a preventive of trouble in the anthracite region.

GETS APPOINTMENT.

Druggist Willard Cope Sent to Testing Station at Pittsburgh.

Willard Cope, a young druggist recently employed in J. C. Moore's drug store, has been appointed to a position as chemist at the United States Government station at Pittsburgh. Mr. Cope took the Civil Service examination last week and passed so creditably that he was directed to report immediately at the Arsenal station where many experiments are being carried on daily.

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PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Henry L. Disney is appearing in a new play entitled "May Jane's Pa". A libretto is soon to be placed on the site of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in Southwark.

Margaret Anglin will soon close her successful Australian tour to take a few weeks rest in Egypt, before returning to the United States.

Since "Fluffy Buffles" has gone off the road Bartie Williams has had to return to his stage of "Exposition," with which she made so great a hit.

Mrs. Fisher's "Salvation Nell," a tale of the slums, is declared by many to be one of the greatest if not the greatest of her dramatic successes.

The principals and chorus of "The American Idol" have raised a fund of \$250 to purchase Christmas presents for the inmates of the New York Home for Destitute Orphaned Children.

A new playhouse to be known as "The Anne Russell," is soon to be built on West Forty-fourth street, near Broadway, New York, by Messrs. Wagners and Nipper. It will be devoted to comedy.

F. H. Southern has started on his first tour in three years of the South American States. He will give an interesting repertoire of his best plays, including "Hamlet" and other classical dramas, and several modern plays.

It is a rather remarkable fact that John Drew, his daughter Louise Drew, his niece, Ethel Barrymore and George Drew Mendham are all playing in New York at the present, but in different houses and in different plays.

Larry B. Smith and Reginald de Koven are collaborating on a new American Grand Opera, which will be produced by the Shuberts as the opening attraction at their Lyric Theatre, New York, some time in September of next year.

Hazel Wallace, a Denver girl, who was discovered a short time ago by Martin Beck, has gone on the vaudeville stage and will delight her audiences with "classical" dances in hot bare feet, after the fashion set by Ida Gora Duncan.

It is not generally known that Boris Karloff first studied for the operatic stage, and, as a prima donna of the Strauss and Offenbach repertoire, won her initial successes upon the stage. At that time a great career was predicted for her.

Within the last month or so John Cort has opened two of the finest new theatres in the West. One of these is the New Colonial Theatre in Salt Lake City, which opened with Mme. Nordica as the chief attraction; the other is the "New Majestic," recently completed at Los Angeles.

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In Manhattan on Christmas 4,000 persons will receive baskets, each containing dinner enough for five. A thousand more such baskets will be distributed at the same time in Brooklyn. In the afternoon the children will receive the toys. Clothing also will be given out in cases where the watchful eyes of the officials present detect special need.

Commander Miss Eva Booth, who has recently returned to her life's work after a long illness, said that her idea and that of the other army officials was to give Christmas cheer to all who lack it most, whether so called "good" or "bad" characters. The only requirements for those wishing the Christmas dinner up to the number that the army can supply are a large appetite and the inability to satisfy it elsewhere, said Miss Booth.

DEFENSE OPENS MONDAY

Night Riders Will Endeavor to Establish Alibi in Ranken Case.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 24.—The state closed its case today in the night rider case and adjournment was taken until Monday, when the defense will offer testimony.

The defense will be an alibi for each of the eight defendants. Members of their families will swear that the men were at home and in bed during the night of Oct. 19, the night that Captain Ranken was murdered. No attempt will be made to show their whereabouts the night that other outrages were perpetrated, as the defendants are indicted only for the murder of Ranken.

Police Barracks Burned.
Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 24.—The barracks of the state police at Wyoming was destroyed by fire. The troopers escaped.

SALT LAKE CITY LOSES G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT.

Pittsburg or Cincinnati Likely to Entertain Veterans at Their Next Annual Gathering.

Lima, O., Dec. 21.—J. Cory Winans, chief of staff of the National Grand Army of the Republic, has returned from Salt Lake City, where he has been attending a conference of the executive committee composed of himself and Commander-in-Chief, Nelson of Jersey City, N. J., Adjutant General, Col. of Jersey City and Miss Gilman of Boston, president of the Women's Relief Corps.

Mr. Winans says that from all present indications the next national encampment will not be held at Salt Lake City, but at Cincinnati or Pittsburg. The action was brought about by the refusal of the traffic association to grant a rate of one cent a mile to the veterans. The date selected for the encampment was Aug. 9 to 14 and following an official report from the traffic association the governing body will select the next meeting place.

BOY CONFESSES MURDER

Lad of Fourteen Kills and Robs Another Sixteen Years Old.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 24.—Francis E. Jones, a sixteen-year-old boy, whose body was found on the ice on Lake Quinsigamond, was shot by Ralph Wilham Krantz, a lad of fourteen, according to a statement made to the police by Krantz. Krantz was taken into custody on a charge of murder.

He said that on Monday he left home to go hunting. He had a shotgun with him. At Lake Quinsigamond he met Jones, who was fishing through the ice. Picking a quarrel with Jones, Krantz, according to his confession, shot the other through the head. Krantz then picked up Jones's revolver and the fish that he had caught and went home.

Ohio Railroads Win Victory.
Columbus, O., Dec. 21.—The Ohio supreme court has upheld the validity of a law enacted by the legislature charging railroad companies authority to charge an extra ten cents for tickets purchased on trains.

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